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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 for filing with the above-identified application in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts issued by the Patent and Trademark Office on April 27, 2001.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8)

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, on **June 25**, **2001** in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Manisha C. Wulf, Reg. No. 41,655 Please note that an executed Declaration for the above-identified application and with the required fee in the amount of \$130 was previously filed in response to the Notic to File Missing Parts on May 25, 2001.

It is believed that there is no fee due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this request is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Docketed: -

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

• A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:

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